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EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

The Indemnity Defense Fund.—At the annual meeting in 1916 it was determined to establish a voluntary defense fund against claims and suits for alleged malpractice, open to all members in good standing who elected to take advantage of its terms. The initial assessment was placed at \$30 and it was decided to put the plan into effect at such time as three hundred members signified their desire to avail themselves of such indemnity, and had sent in their assessments.

December 6, 1916, the three hundred checks were received and early in 1917 the council directed our general attorney to prepare the necessary rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of the Indemnity Defense Fund. This work consumed several months, as our legal staff made a careful review and study of all phases of the matter before definitely proposing to the council a carefully worked out plan covering all the details involved. . . .

Private Enterprise and Public Health Promotion.—At this time, when the war on disease is gathering fresh allies every day, when clubs, centers and agencies are devoting earnest attention to community nursing, child welfare, better housing for working girls and countless industrial problems, when the greater need for adequate health education is being stressed by many mouths, it is interesting to review a campaign of health education which began in 1908. . . .

Splitting Insurance Fees.—A bargain requires two parties. From time to time we have attacked both of them in these columns. The effect has probably been slight. But continuous hammering may bring some improvement and, in any case, we intend to keep at it. . . .

What does all this mean? It means this:

Our Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance is now engaged in an exhaustive study of the entire situation, including the question of a fee schedule commensurate with good professional service. They will attempt to develop some relationship with the carriers whereby the latter will appreciate that good service means proper fees. Can the carriers be expected to regard such a relationship or agreement as more than a scrap of paper, if we, the party of the second part in such an agreement, have so little regard for our obligations to our own colleagues as to split fees and rebate schedules? . . .

From an Article on "The Medical Profession 'After the War'": Presidential Address by Dr. C. Van Zwalenburg, Riverside, Cal.—My talk will concern chiefly the business side of medicine, which is very much neglected. . . . When I speak of business, I do not mean dollars and cents exactly. Commercialism in medicine is degrading and has no place in legitimate practice. I mean system, organization, punctuality, management, efficiency. . . .

In California, in this year 1919, there is one physician to 394 of population as against one to 691 for the entire

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

By F. N. SCATENA, M. D.

Secretary-Treasurer

Board Proceedings

At the regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners held in San Francisco June 26th to 29th, 1944, 147 wrote the examination for a physician's and surgeon's certificate, 5 for a chiroprapist's certificate and 2 for a drugless practitioner's certificate.

After legal hearings, the following actions were taken:

Atkinson, Archibald, M.D.—On June 29, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2390 of the Business and Professions Code, and placed on five years' probation without narcotic privileges;

Bird, Arthur Anson, M.D.—On June 29, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2391 of the Business and Professions Code, and his license was revoked;

Boudwin, Charles Bacon, M.D.—On June 28, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2377 of the Business and Professions Code (alleged illegal operation), and his license was revoked;

Eisengraeber, Gustav Adolf, M.D.—On June 27, 1944, found guilty, under Section 2383 of the Business and Professions Code, and his license was revoked;

Esker, George C., Jr., M.D.—On June 28, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2390 of the Business and Professions Code, and penalty was deferred to the August meeting of the Board;

Lundegaard, Edward M., M.D.—On June 27, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2392 of the Business and Professions Code (alleged aiding and abetting of unlicensed practitioner), and he was placed on probation for one year, with the proviso, that he report at the June, 1945, Board meeting;

Olberg, Frederick H. D., M.D.—On June 28, 1944, found guilty of violation of Section 2390 of the Business and Professions Code, and he was placed on probation for five years, without narcotic privileges;

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The following cases were continued to the next meeting of the Board, to be held in Los Angeles commencing August 21, 1944:

Buffum, Roy Luman, M. D.

Kunstler, Max, M. D.

Lundegaard, Edward M., M. D. (second citation).

The following case was continued to the Sacramento meeting of Board, commencing October 16, 1944:

McPheeters, George C. H., M. D.

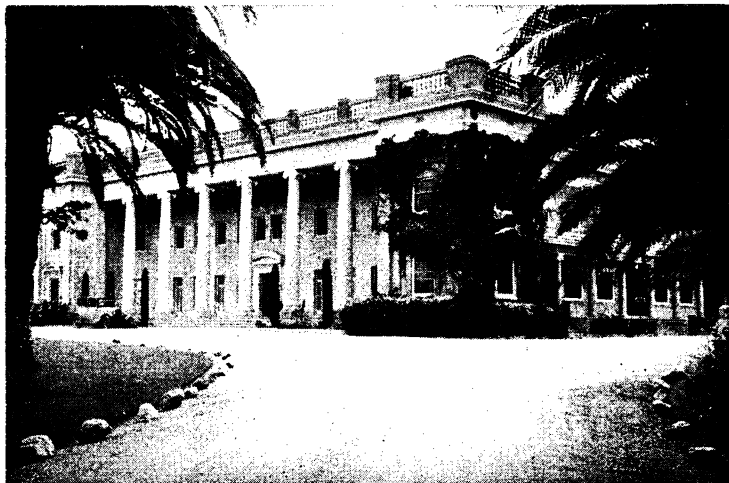
News

"Clyde O. Turner Tuesday morning pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to treat the sick and afflicted without a license, and was fined \$100 by Justice of the Peace T. F. Lewis. Turner on Friday afternoon had pleaded not guilty to the charge and asked for a jury trial. A second charge of violating the business and professional code by using the letters 'Dr.' in an advertisement was dismissed by Judge Lewis. The charges were brought against Turner Friday by Joseph W. Williams, special agent for the State Board of Medical Examiners who stated Turner had no license to practice physical therapy and foot correction nor to treat neuritis, nervous disorders, arthritis, headaches, etc., as he advertised. . . ." (Placerville Times, May 24, 1944.)

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can be administered.

3. That segregation should be made at the hospital which will tend to separate the beginner who is normal from the defective and hardened case.

4. That the State should provide a place where the subnormal and defective can be sent and cared for after curing of the acute condition for which they were quarantined.

5. An industrial farm should be maintained by the State where the normal and border-line case can be sent for rehabilitation physically, and where mental and vocational training may be had to fit them into the scheme of life which is possible only after a period of absence from the surroundings which enslaved them.

6. Without such coördinated and correlated connections, the present system offers us no hope for the greater percentage of the women, as it cures them for the time being of their acute troubles and throws them back into the mill to be ground over again.

San Francisco Board of Health,
Per Wm. C. Hassler, M. D.,
Health Officer.

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"Dr. M. A. Thompson, 45, North Sacramento chiropractor, is held in the county jail on a charge of abortion on the complaint of a 17-year-old unmarried Sacramento girl, who said she received two abortion treatments from him. The girl gave birth to a premature baby in the Sacramento Hospital, Friday. The child

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weighed only 2½ pounds and died 12 hours later. . . . The authorities say Thompson claims the girl asked him to perform an abortion, but he refused. . . . The formal complaint was filed by the district attorney's office in Municipal Judge James M. McDonnell's court today. It was signed by the girl's father. Judge McDonnell set the bail at \$2,000 bond or \$1,000 cash. . . ." (Sacramento Bee, June 19, 1944.)

"Leslie Willey, former head of the Industrial Hospital at 2830 West Central, Newport Beach, withdrew his not guilty plea and plead guilty to one of the four counts against him, that of practicing as a doctor without a license, and paid a fine of \$250 in City Judge O. A.

Jones' court last Friday. The other counts set forth in the complaint sworn to by the State Board of Medical Examiners and signed by Maynard C. Young,—which included one for violating the health and safety code of the State, alleged illegal practice and another for practicing as a doctor without a State license,—were dropped. At the hearing on May 18, trial was set for June 6, but the case was settled four days prior. . . ." (Newport Beach News-Times, June 6, 1944.)

"A stay of execution from a sentence of life imprisonment today was granted by the District Court of Appeal to Mrs. Jean Simpson, 33, convicted of participating in the kidnapping and robbery of Dr. Robert Kotischek, Beverly Hills physician. She will remain in the County Jail pending a hearing on her appeal for a new trial." (Hollywood Citizen-News, June 22, 1944.)

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